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### **State Health Department Certifies Three North Dakota Hospitals As Level IV and V Trauma Centers**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced the certification of three hospitals as Level IV and V trauma centers, according to Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator for the Department of Health. The Level IV trauma centers are Quentin Burdick Health Care Facility, Belcourt; and Lisbon Area Health Services, Lisbon. The Level V trauma center is Union Hospital, Mayville.

The Department of Health is authorized to designate hospitals in North Dakota as Level IV and Level V trauma centers. Level I, II and III trauma centers are designated by the American College of Surgeons. To receive a Level IV or V designation, a hospital is visited by a trauma site review team, which reports to the State Trauma Committee. The Committee reviews the site visit report, determines the hospital's designation, and reports to the Department of Health.

Level I through V trauma centers must be able to accept and provide services to major trauma patients. Among the requirements necessary to earn a Level IV designation, the trauma center must have on call an emergency room physician who has completed advanced-trauma life-support training. To earn a Level V designation, the trauma center must have on call a physician or a physician's assistant who has completed advanced-trauma life-support training. North Dakota currently has 22 Level IV and seven Level V trauma centers, which must seek renewal of the designation every one to three years.

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